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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER 3,
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1. USG POLICY IS TO AVOID PRACTICE OF PRESENTING GIFTS TO
COMMEMORATE BIRTHDAYS OF FOREIGN LEADERS. RECORDS HERE
INDICATE THAT ON OCCASION OF KEKKONEN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY IN
1970, PRESIDENT NIXON SENT LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO
FINNISH PRESIDENT. COPY OF THIS LETTER BEING POUCHED FOR
POST'S INFORMATION.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES SIMILAR CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO KEKKONEN TO MARK LATTER'S 75TH
BIRTHDAY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND SUCH A MESSAGE WILL BE
RECOMMENDED.

3. WITH REGARD TO LAST PARA REFTTEL, WE ARE STILL LOOKING
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AT POSSIBILITIES OF HANDLING VISITS FROM FOREIGN LEADERS

DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR. UNTIL THIS REVIEW IS COM-
PLETED, WE CANNOT OFFER FINAL ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITY
OF VISIT BY KEKKONEN DURING 1976. INGERSOLL

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